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1. Prior to early 1952, the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werder was the only agency to place orders for air force construction projects. On 1 March 1952, this procedure was changed inasmuch as Werder only retained the responsibility for military construction projects. Thus for instance the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werder drew up plans for the roads to the bomb and fuel dunes at Brand airfield, but not the plans for the roads required for the housing project and the motor vehicle garages. The Soviet construction headquarters laid down the technical specifications for the buildings, oil storage sheds and the laboratory of the fuel depot besides. A German Underground Construction Department, the designation of which was not determined, but which was previously referred to as "German Central Headquarters for the Construction of Airfields" was established at 138 Eisenbahn Strasse, Werder. Among others, graduate engineer Wiesbach (fmu) was assigned to this department. In late August 1952, Herr Jobus (fmu), formerly technical manager of the Bauunion Dresden, was transferred to the main administration for the building industry and charged with the execution of special missions relating to air force construction projects.

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[Redacted] a German inspector, who came from the Underground Construction Department in Werder, was employed at Drewitz airfield.¹

2. On 1 March 1952, all above-ground construction work at Brand, Cottbus and Welzow airfields was placed under the responsibility of the Kech, which shared one building with the VEB Special Construction Bureau in Luckenwalde. The above-ground construction projects included in the 1952 construction program were withdrawn from the Bauunion Berlin (for Brand airfield) and the Bauunion Dresden (for Welzow airfield) and transferred to the Kech in Luckenwalde, which was formerly located in Tunsdorf. The Kech in Luckenwalde settled its accounts with the Kvartirno-eksploratsionny otdel (KEO) in Potsdam.²

3. The previous Central Construction Bureau at 134 Eisenbahn Strasse, Werder, whose chief was engineer Weber (fmu), was redesignated "VER Special Construction Bureau Werder". It was on the same level as its counterpart in Luckenwalde. Attached to the VEB Special Construction Bureau in Werder was the Kech office in Werder which was headed by an air force lieutenant colonel (Tech).³

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4. Prior to early 1952, construction materials were furnished by the material department of the main administration for the building industry. After 1 October 1952, the Soviet air force construction headquarters in Werder and the Koch agencies employed for above-ground construction work issued so-called "naryady" (orders) for major airfield construction projects. On presentation of these naryady, the Zentrale Baustoff Puschaffungs Kontor (Central Construction Material Procurement Bureau) (ZBK) furnished the construction material listed on the naryady.⁴

5. On 1 October, the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters was located at Werder airfield. Negotiations with German construction agencies were conducted at 137 Eisenbahn Strasse. Officers attached to the Soviet construction headquarters included:

Chief	Colonel Terechenko (fmu)
First deputy chief	Lieutenant Colonel Smirnov (fmu)
Second deputy chief	Major Ivshin (fmu)
Planning and contracts department	(Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fmu) (Major Oeljnik (fmu) (Captain Pshinichni (fmu))
Material procurement department	Major Chudakov (fmu)
In charge of Selzow airfield	Lieutenant Colonel Chafshenkov (fmu)
In charge of Brand airfield	Major Kironenko (fmu)
In charge of Oranienburg airfield	Captain Smirnew (fmu)

Except for Captain Pshinichni who was an air force reserve officer wearing gold-bordered blue epaulets, all the officers attached to the Soviet construction bureau wore silver-bordered blue epaulets.

25X1. [REDACTED] Comment. The Underground Construction Department organized in Werder in early March 1952 and previously referred to as German Central Headquarters for the Construction of Airfields, is identical with the German VP Air Force construction headquarters, which is now assigned to the construction department of the East German Ministry of the Interior. This air force construction headquarters is responsible for all VP airfield construction projects, which are executed by the Bauunion sued in Dresden.

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25X1^{2a} [REDACTED] Comment. The Koch agencies are responsible for the planning and execution of above ground construction projects ordered by the Soviet Armed Forces. All these Koch agencies are subordinate to the KDO in Potsdam. The Koch agencies are attached to the German VEB special construction bureaus, which are subordinate to a construction bureau at 7 Pushkin Allee in Potsdam. The official title of this central construction bureau is Verwaltung Volkseigener Betriebe - Zentrale Sonderbetriebserwerbs (VVB-ZSB). The VVB - ZSB is assigned to the Main Administration for Special Construction Projects of the East German Ministry for Reconstruction. Of a total of 22 VEB special construction bureaus, the construction bureaus in Werder, Beuruppin and Wittstock are charged with the execution of Soviet Air Force construction projects. It is believed that the special construction bureau in Luckenwalde participated in above-ground construction work at Brand and Selzow airfields because it happened to have construction workers available.

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b. [redacted] Comment. The VVB special construction bureau in Wroclaw is not identical with the German VP air force construction headquarters, which moved in the meantime to Berlin and is headed by Arnold Przygoda. The VVB special construction bureau in Wroclaw which formerly functioned as a central construction bureau was charged with much more comprehensive responsibilities. It is believed that part of these responsibilities were taken over by the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Berlin and presumably also by East German government agencies. It is believed that construction projects which were started a long time ago are being completed by the VVB special construction bureau in Wroclaw.
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b. [redacted] Comment. The central construction materials procurement bureau at 3 Millerstr in Potsdam is assigned to the VVB-ZSMB in Potsdam.

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